

Interview Summary

Application No.
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Applicant(s)
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Examiner
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(2) Eugene Friedman

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Date of Interview Dec 29, 1998

Type: ☐ Telephonic ☒ Personal (copy is given to ☐ applicant ☒ applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Agreement ☐ was reached. ☒ was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: All

Identification of prior art discussed:

Bright, Yano et al., Cushing et al., Mehta, and Moore et al.

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

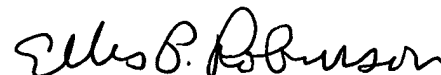
The examiner agreed to withdraw the 112 rejection of claims 1 and 3-22 based on the determination that a barrier layer is not required where there is no PCR as supported by the specification on page 4 and the original claims. The Attorney for the applicant argued that human substances are not required and will submit arguments in this regard in an Official Response. The term "substantially continuous" is as defined as on page 6 of the specification and "continuous" is interpreted to mean no gaps or discontinuities in contrast to "substantially continuous". In an effort to further define and distinguish the invention Mr. Friedman agreed to amend claim 2 and independent claims 23 and 44 by inserting the phrase --to impede migration of PCR contaminants -- at the end of claims 2 and 23 after layer and after "polyethylene" in line 3 of claim 44.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

1. ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

2. ☐ Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.


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Examiner Note: You must sign and stamp this form unless it is an attachment to a signed Office action.